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JUDGE LOVING ACQUITTED

The Verdict is Received With Wild Enthusiasm.

Houston (Special).—Another Virginia jury recorded its allegiance to the "unwritten law" Saturday afternoon when ex-Judge William G. Loving, who had been on trial in the Circuit Court here for the murder of Theodore Estes on April 22 last, was declared innocent of the crime of which he was charged.

The verdict was reached after an hour's deliberation. Argument was concluded at 4.45 o'clock, and 60 minutes later the jurymen returned to the courtroom and announced that Judge Loving was not guilty.

The vote for acquittal was unanimous, and, after being discharged a statement was given out by the jurymen that the prisoner was declared innocent on the ground that he had upheld the sanctity of his home. The pleas of insanity, so often referred to by the counsel for the defense, was considered slightly, but it was declared that it had no influence on the jury in framing the verdict.

Judge Loving walked out of the court a free man during one of the most remarkable scenes that has ever been witnessed in any court room in the Old Dominion. When the verdict was announced the immense crowd, which filled every nook and corner of the courtroom, went wild with enthusiasm, and Loving was almost swept off his feet by the mad rush that was made by the spectators to grasp his hand.

It was a time when joy and pathos were intermingled. Old men were and tears about the prisoner to offer their congratulations.

There were others who did not cry—those who had attained the expression of the court without any feeling whatever for either side, but caught in the flood of rapture which descended upon the hall of justice as the verdict of the jury was announced, they joined in the enthusiastic scene and the tender embrace for Loving and his family.

The acquittal of Judge Loving apparently meets with general approval. From the moment the verdict came from the lips of the foreman of the jury until Loving left the court room he received a continuous ovation. But among the happy people, the happiest of all were the prisoner and his wife. The frail little woman who has helped her husband bear the burden fell in his arms just as soon as she heard his innocence declared; and was utterly overcome by joy over the thought that her husband was free again. Judge Loving, too, broke down. He wept like a child.

With tears streaming down his cheeks he kissed his wife, and, turning to his brother, who sat to his left, embraced him tenderly.

STOLE $7,000 IN GEMS.

Colored Employe Of Norfolk Capitalist Confesses Under Arrest.

Norfolk (Special).—Tom Smith, colored, is under arrest charged with the biggest diamond robbery on the Norfolk police records. Tom's haul was valued at close to $7,000, the contents of a jewel case from the home here of his employer, William H. Robinson, a capitalist. The case was literally loaded with diamonds, set in rings, bracelets, and pins.

The robbery was first discovered Tuesday night, and immediately the police were notified. Suspicion pointed strongly toward Tom Smith, and he was arrested. None of the gems was found on him, but his mother's was made responsible for almost half of them. The remainder were found in the attic of the Robinson home.

HITS WHITES AND BLACKS.

The State Jim Crow Law Cuts Both Ways.

Richmond (Special).—A decision of importance to the people of the state, where electric cars are operated, was rendered by Justice Critchfield in the Police Court here today.

A fine of $10 upon James R. Garden, president of the Chamber of Commerce, was imposed by the court. The case is a novel one when conducted by Mr. Garden and his counsel.

Mr. Garden was sitting on the thirty cent line in the smoking car. The seat was empty except for him-self, when a negro boarded the car with passage. Mr. Garden told the negro he would move to the rear. The negro refused to move. The conductor declined to make the negro remove, and Mr. Garden, with the aid of Mr. Gordon, and finally put him out bodily.

Mr. Gordon has appealed the case to the Mississippi courts, and as the advent of the case has aroused there it is not at all unlikely that it will be carried to the United States Court.

Ruled by Rust.

Roanoke (Special).—Mistletoe Foley, a well-known railroad conductor, was killed by a train at Rust, near Salem, W. Va. He was 45 years old and leaves a widow.

Kind Hearted Jailer.

Roanoke (Special).—Charley Pugh, the 15-year-old son of Mrs. Magdalene Pugh, of Gainsboro, Meyer County, W. Va., is a hero. He found a hunting rifle and started to leave the house with it, but was locked with supervision of his mother. He refused to do so, and, after a struggle, in which the weapon was discharged, Mrs. Pendleton Hall, of Gainsboro, was instantly killed.

Woman In Flames.

Lynchburg (Special).—Mrs. W. W. Gentry, aged twenty, wife of the superintendent of the Virginia Mills, was seriously burned at her home in Madison, Amherst County, while attempting to build a fire in a stove. The stove with kerosene. The oil caught and she was enveloped in flames instantly in names. Shrieking for help, she ran out of the house and into the yard, where passers-by threw the burning clothes from her body.

She is frightfully burned, but recovery is not impossible.

CRIPPLE DEAD IN FIRE.

Musician Victim Of Flames That Swept Pine Beach.

Norfolk (Special).—The body of Charles Fulbert, a musician and a cripple, who had been playing at resorts about Pine Beach, was found in the ruins of the burned Madison Hotel there. Fulbert was thirty years of age, and came from Bridgeport, Conn. He wife is an actress and has been summoned from San Antonio, Tex.

Fulbert is declared to have been asleep when effort was made to awaken him. He could not be gotten up, and he was burned to death as he lay in his bed. The body was identified by a double row of teeth.

This makes the second known fatality of the Pine Beach fire, the other one being the negro bootblack, Jerry Harris. The police believe that only two lives were lost, but search is being continued for a number of persons reported as missing.

A conservative estimate of the losses it at not less than $400,000, with not more than 20 per cent. of insurance.

The exact cause of the fire has not been determined. A large number of the burned establishments had gasoline for cooking, and this accounts for the great number of small explosions during the progress of the fire.

TOBACCO CROP SHORT.

Fifteen Per Cent. Reduction Is Due To Scarcity Of Laborers.

Petersburg (Special).—The receipts of loose tobacco at the several warehouses for the past week have been very light. Prices have been well maintained, ranging from $2 to $27 per hundred pounds. The whole of the new tobacco crop in the counties immediately south of Petersburg is nearly 18 per cent. less than that of 1906. The shortage is due to the great scarcity of farm labor and the tobacco-raising district.

South Boston.—Weather conditions have been more favorable the past week, and the young tobacco plants have grown rapidly, although the crop is still some two or three weeks late. If the present weather continues, it won't be many weeks before primings, or the first leaves stripped from the plants, will begin to come in the market.

Woman Killed By Lightning.

Lexington (Special).—Mrs. Glenn, wife of Emmet Glenn, a farmer near Lexington, was struck by lightning and instantly killed. She passed within a few feet of a wire fence, when a bolt passed along, jumped to her, tearing her bonnet and shoes and both shells all clothing off to her waist, leaving them in a heap on the ground. Her husband, who was unlocking the door of his house at the time, turned to see his neighbor and saw the prostrate body of his wife. Her face was slightly burned, but the body otherwise showed no effect of the bolt. The girl a few feet behind her escaped injury.

Farmers Unite.

Leesburg (Special).—An association has been formed in Fauquier County under the name of the Farmers and Business Men's Association for the promotion by organized effort of the public interests of the citizens of that county. There are five distinct branches, with district committees, which will compose the governing boards of the association. The most prominent business and professional men of the county are members, and the organization is expected to exert a decided influence for the material prosperity of the county. D. P. Wood is chairman of the Center District Branch.

Shot His Father-In-Law.

Norfolk (Special).—George Wade, aged twenty-nine years, was arrested on the charge of fatally shooting his father-in-law, James Baldick, at Baldick, on the upper table. He is the culmination of a family row.

VIRGINIA WEDDINGS.

Leesburg.—Miss Anna Sutherland Critcher, daughter of John Critcher, of Leesburg, was married to Arthur Cooke, of Washington, D. C., brother-in-law of Senator Dunnan, a lawyer of considerable prominence here. The ceremony was performed in the Methodist Episcopal Church by Rev. J. E. Wells, pastor.

Fredericksburg.—Henry Chandler, of Spotsylvania, and Miss Frances Elizabeth Carneal, daughter of Mrs. Lucy D. Carneal, of Carolina County, were married at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Ware presiding officiating. They will reside in Baltimore.

Lynchburg.—Miss Mary Greenbury Potter, daughter of Rufus R. Potter, was married to Richard Clyde Carney, of Norfolk. The ceremony was performed at the bride's home by Rev. Moseby Seay, of the Baptist Church.

Under the patronage of Rev. H. H. Butler, Miss Bernice May Bowdoin, of Southampton County, a daughter of Walter Bowdoin, became the bride of Dr. Rowland Newsome, of the Methodist Norfolk and Western Railway.

Lexington.—Harry L. Lemon, son of Thomas J. Lemon, and Miss Pauline Beard, assistant librarian at Washington and Lee University, and daughter of Samuel H. Painter, of Union, were married at the bride's home [illegible] by Rev. H. B. Lester, of Upperville, Va.

Kabar Corner, of Washington, D. C., brother of Cecil Cormore, a lawyer of this place, and Miss Anne Stanley Crisler, daughter of Judge Crisler, of this city, a well-known citizen of Bedford City, were married at the Episcopal Church by Rev. William [illegible] Dolly.

Amsterdam, the beautiful capital of the Netherlands and Miss Hughes were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hughes, of Richmond, Va., by Rev. Dr. Hall, of the Church of the Holy Trinity, assisted by Rev. Dr. Gray, of the Church of the Ascension, of this city.

Roanoke.—Miss Theresa Reades, daughter of Mrs. Mary Reades, of Roanoke, was married to W. F. Saunders, a young business man of Roanoke.

VIRGINIA OBITUARY.

Fredericksburg.—Dr. C. H. Kiper, a prominent dentist, miner and farmer of Spottsylvania County, died of paralysis at his home, near Wilderness, aged 55 years. He is survived by a widow and four children.

Roanoke.—R. W. Wilborne, died from pneumonia, aged 46 years, after an illness of 19 days. He was taken ill at the Jamestown Exposition. He at one time represented Rock Bridge County in the State Senate and was well known in Virginia political circles. He was prominent as an attorney.

Staunton.—Miss Annie Peale, of this city died in Baltimore. The interment was in Harrisonburg, her native place. She was the daughter of the late J. William Green Smith, of Staunton. She leaves a son.

Williamsburg.—Richard Hansford, aged twenty-three, died at the home here of his mother, Mrs. Margaret Hansford, after a long illness, of consumption. He was unmarried.

Charlottesville.—J. Brockinridge Robertson, about 40 years old, a law writer, died suddenly at the residence of his mother. He was the third son of the late Judge William J. Robertson, of Charlottesville, and inherited his father's logical intellect. He was educated at the University of Virginia, where he was a leading and powerful spirit in undergraduate enterprises.

Winchester.—Miss Sarah A. P. Mayers, daughter of the late John Mayers, of Clarke County, died at the home of Mrs. Mary Calmes, this city. She is survived by one brother, C. B. Mayers, of Frederick County, and one sister, Mrs. Benjamin D. Fleming, of Fairmont, W. Va.

Harrisburg.—Mrs. Mary A. Houck, wife of Joseph P. Houck, died after a lingering illness. Mrs. Houck was a daughter of the late Thomas Johns, a prominent resident of Shelbyville, Pa. She married Mr. Houck in Shelbyville in 1862 and moved to Virginia four years later.

Richmond.—J. William Tribbett, son of the late W. W. Tribbett, who for many years was engaged in the wholesale grocery business, died at his home, aged thirty-seven years. He is survived by his mother and one sister.

Woman Killed By Train.

Suffolk (Special).—Miss Mildred Norfleet met death in a very unfortunate manner. She had been out shopping, and while on her return home she was crossing the Norfolk and Western Railroad She was struck by the fast passenger train which is due here at 8 o'clock. When she was picked up by friends life was extinct. Her thighs were broken and her skull was crushed. Her body was found 30 feet from the track. At the time she was killed she was accompanied by her brother, who warned her not to try to cross the track. Miss Norfleet was 60 years of age.

Annoyed By A Bear.

Fredericksburg (Special). — The people of the Logan neighborhood, in Spotsylvania County, are much annoyed over reports of the presence of a bear. The bear was tracked a few evenings ago, after a heavy rain, the tracks measuring six to seven inches across, and the trail was finally lost in the forest. The farmers have been losing lambs, yearlings and some colts, and it is believed by many that these have been devoured by the bear at night. The bear is supposed to have come down from the mountains or to have escaped from a passing menagerie.

Petersburg Eagels Mourn Dead.

Petersburg (Special).—Petersburg Lodge of Eagles held its annual memorial service at the Academy of Music Sunday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock. It was very largely attended. The exercises were opened with prayer by Rev. F. W. Moore, pastor of Second Baptist Church. The oration was delivered by Mr. Woods C. Carr, a prominent lawyer of Uniontown, Pa.

Farmer Replant Peanuts.

Petersburg (Special).—The farmers in the neighboring counties have taken advantage of the past few days of fair weather to replant their peanut crop. On account of the unusual protracted spell of rain the nuts planted rotted in the ground and made replanting necessary.

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Lynchburg (Special).—The First Baptist Church of this city extended a unanimous call to Dr. Carter Helm Jones, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Louisville, Ky. It is understood that Dr. Jones will accept the call.

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Convicted Of Desertion.

Richmond (Special).—The trial of W. S. Button, charged by his wife with desertion and non-support, was continued in the Hustings Court of Judge Henry Bingham at a verdict of guilty and fixing the punishment at 12 months in jail.

His attorneys immediately asked for a stay of execution of the sentence, which was granted by Judge Bingham, pending the application for a writ of error and supersedeas to the Supreme Court of Appeals.

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CHANCE FOR YOUNG MEN.

State Department Wants A Corps Of Student Instructors.

Washington (Special).—The State Department is offering a change to young men to get into the consular service outside of the usual channel of competitive civil service examinations. This is by means of the corps of student interpreters for duty in China and Japan. The diplomatic service is in need of young men who are willing to bind themselves to go into the Orient and make a study of Chinese and Japanese, and the Department will at the same time offer excellent assistance to the American consular officers. The compensation is low, beginning at $1,000 per annum, but the chance for experience is most attractive because, under the departmental regulations, promotion comes by its line of promotion into the consular service. The department will conduct an examination in this city August 14 and 15. Applicants must be between the ages of 19 and 26 and unmarried.

An Unwilling Aeronaut.

Rockport, Tex. (Special)—Minus, the two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Moody, of Waco, was carried into the air by a bundle of toy balloons while in the custody of a peddler on the veranda of the hotel tied around her waist, thinking to please her. Before the spectators could recover from their surprise she was wafted out to sea, 56 feet in the air. A launch, occupied by George Munafee, of Denver, was in the bay and he came to the little girl's rescue. Piercing at the bubble of balloons he apparatus, and the ascent was begun to settle downward, finally alighting from the water on the shore of St. Joseph's Island.

Hatton Saves Boy's Life.

Morgan, Conn. (Special).—A battle with death for possession of the body of a drowning boy, Frederick Hatton, saved the life of 12-year-old Harry Marvin, son of Former State Representative Charles Marvin, of this place, when he was rescued by Hatton after the latter had fought off a revolver by Richard Gray, who had jumped overboard to help the boy. Gray, who declared that the boy was his son, and accused Hatton of trying to steal the boy, was arrested on a charge of assault with intent to kill.

British Steel Wrest.

Pittsburg (Special).—The great combination of iron and steel manufacturers, similar to those formed in the United States, which has been the subject of formation in Great Britain for the past year, was completed today at a meeting of the American Tin Plate Company, the American Steel Hoop Company, the American Sheet Steel Company, the National Steel Company, the American Steel and Wire Company, the National Tube Company, the American Bridge Company, the American Steel Foundries Company, the American Car and Foundry Company, the American Locomotive Company, the Pressed Steel Car Company, the Republic Iron and Steel Company, the Lackawanna Steel Company, the Crucible Steel Company of America, the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company, the Central Steel Company, the Pittsburg Steel Company, the Pittsburg Coal Company, the Union Steel Company, the Donora Steel and Wire Company, the Monessen Steel Company, the Shelby Steel Tube Company, the Shelby Iron Company, the Standard Steel Car Company, the 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